

## **WORKING RULES OF THE EPOS STUDY GROUPS**

1. EPOS study groups were established at the EPOS Executive Committee Meeting in Oslo, in November 2016. The groups are named as follows: EPOS Genetics and Metabolic Group, EPOS Spine Group, EPOS Upper Limb Group, EPOS Lower Limb Group, EPOS Neuromuscular Group, EPOS Musculoskeletal Tumors, Infections and Arthritis Group, EPOS Sports Group and EPOS Trauma Group.
2. The aim of forming the EPOS study groups is to integrate experts' opinions, ideas and work into the EPOS educational, research, reading, website, annual meeting program committee activities as well as the European Pediatric Orthopaedics Core Curriculum formation.
3. The chair of each study group should be an EPOS active member and is elected by the EPOS Executive Committee, for a term of 3 years. Re-appointment or extension of mission time is not possible. "Trauma" and "Tumors, Infections & Arthritis" groups have two co-chairs.
4. Study group chair is the primary responsible person to invite and select new members and to form the group. Besides, the chair can make electronic announcements for admission of new members. A chair can organize several subgroups in the study group, if needed. There is no upper or lower limit concerning the number of members in a study group. Group members should preferably be EPOS members and should be well recognized with their scientific and clinical contributions or have a high interest in the field of the study group.
5. Each EPOS Educational Committee member is asked to join one of the study groups.
6. EPOS study groups will be requested to collaborate with the EPOS Educational Committee in the organization of the BAT courses, RCC courses, travelling fellowship programs and other educational activities as well as in the formation of "European Core Curriculum for Official Fellowship Programs". Proposals of educational activities generated by the EPOS study groups should be sent to the EPOS Educational Committee for assessment and approval.
7. EPOS study groups will be requested to collaborate with the EPOS Scientific & Research Committee in the planning and conducting of scientific research studies. Proposals of research projects generated by the EPOS study groups should be sent to the EPOS Scientific & Research Committee for assessment and approval.
8. EPOS study groups will be requested to collaborate with the EPOS Reading Committee in the paper review process, within their fields.
9. EPOS study groups will be requested to collaborate with the EPOS Annual Meeting Program Committee in the organization of the content of the parallel sessions and if needed, to help with other scientific program requirements.
10. EPOS study groups will be requested to collaborate with the EPOS Website Committee whenever and in whatever considered useful (education of physicians and families, announcements, etc.).
11. In justified circumstances, the EPOS Executive Committee may determine the end of the mandate of a study group chair, the end of a study group or the creation of a new study group.